

ORAL HEALTH

How long since you last visited a dentist?

- In 1999, 64% of Montana adults reported that they had visited a dentist in the past 12 months.
- The percentage of adults who visited a dentist in the past year increased with increasing education and annual household income levels.

How many of your permanent teeth have been removed due to tooth decay or gum disease?

- In 1999, 19% of Montana adults reported having had six or more permanent teeth removed.
- The percentage of adults who reported having had six or more permanent teeth removed increased with increasing age. Only 1% of adults aged 18 to 29 reported having six or more teeth removed compared with 50% of adults aged 65 and older. Of adults aged 65 and older, 29% (\pm 5%) reported having had all their permanent teeth removed.
- The percentages of adults reporting that they had six or more teeth removed declined with increasing education and income levels.

How long has it been since you had your teeth "cleaned" by a dentist or dental hygienist?

- Sixty-two percent of Montana adults who had teeth in 1999 reported having had their teeth cleaned by a dentist or dental hygienist in the past year.
- More females (67%) reported having had their teeth cleaned in the past year than males (56%).
- The percentage of adults who had their teeth cleaned by a dentist or dental hygienist in the past year increased with increasing education and annual household income levels.
- More white non-Hispanic adults (63%) had their teeth cleaned by a dentist or dental hygienist in the past year than non-white or Hispanic adults (49%).

Healthy People 2000 Objective:

- 13.3 Increase to at least 45 percent the proportion of people aged 35 to 44 who have never lost a permanent tooth due to dental caries or periodontal diseases.
- 13.4 Reduce to no more than 20 percent the proportion of people aged 65 and older who have lost all of their natural teeth.
- 13.14 Increase to at least 70 percent the proportion of people aged 35 and older using the oral health care system each year.

Healthy People 2010 Objective:

- 21-3 Increase the proportion of adults (to at least 45 percent) who have never had a permanent tooth extracted because of dental caries or periodontal disease.
- 21-4 Reduce the proportion of older adults (to no more than 20 percent) who had all their natural teeth extracted.
- 21-10 Increase the proportion of children and adults (to 83 percent) who use the oral health care system each year.

Table 6. Oral Health, Montana Adults, 1999 (with 95% confidence intervals).

	Visited dentist in the past year				Had 6 or more permanent teeth removed				Teeth cleaned in the past year*			
	Total No.	No.	%	CI (+/-)	Total No.	No.	%	CI (+/-)	Total No.	No.	%	CI (+/-)
All Adults: 1999	1787	1153	63.7	(2.5)	1781	390	18.9	(1.9)	1581	996	61.7	(2.7)
Sex:												
Male	761	457	60.4	(3.8)	761	146	16.9	(2.7)	689	389	56.3	(4.1)
Female	1026	696	66.7	(3.3)	1020	244	20.8	(2.6)	892	607	66.9	(3.5)
Age:												
18 - 29	279	182	63.9	(6.3)	279	3	1.1	(1.5)	277	168	58.9	(6.5)
30 - 44	512	323	61.2	(4.8)	514	28	5.2	(2.0)	505	297	57.8	(4.8)
45 - 64	611	428	67.8	(4.1)	603	152	24.6	(3.7)	547	361	64.9	(4.4)
65+	383	219	60.5	(5.4)	384	207	49.9	(5.6)	250	170	68.3	(6.4)
Education:												
<High School	174	89	54.7	(8.2)	173	85	41.5	(8.0)	123	66	54.7	(9.9)
High School	612	372	59.7	(4.4)	611	175	24.6	(3.6)	523	307	56.6	(4.8)
Some College	507	319	62.3	(4.8)	509	92	15.7	(3.2)	459	284	61.1	(5.1)
College Degree	491	372	73.4	(4.4)	486	38	6.7	(2.3)	473	339	70.3	(4.6)
Income:												
<\$10,000	87	43	47.9	(12.2)	86	30	30.4	(10.5)	68	27	42.4	(14.0)
\$10,000 - \$19,999	239	127	50.2	(7.3)	240	78	29.1	(6.2)	199	108	50.7	(8.0)
\$20,000 - \$34,999	481	297	59.3	(4.9)	483	87	17.2	(3.6)	466	253	53.4	(5.2)
\$35,000 - \$49,999	274	189	66.4	(6.1)	269	34	11.7	(3.9)	257	172	65.3	(6.3)
\$50,000+	314	254	79.5	(5.2)	312	27	7.1	(2.8)	304	234	76.2	(5.4)
Race:												
White, non-Hispanic	1660	1072	64.0	(2.6)	1656	361	18.7	(1.9)	1466	936	62.9	(2.8)
Non-white or Hispanic	122	78	61.0	(10.0)	120	28	22.0	(7.9)	111	58	48.7	(10.6)

*Denominator includes those people who have ever visited a dentist or dental clinic and who have teeth.

Figure 4. Permanent Teeth Removed, Percent of Montana Adults by Number of Teeth, 1999.

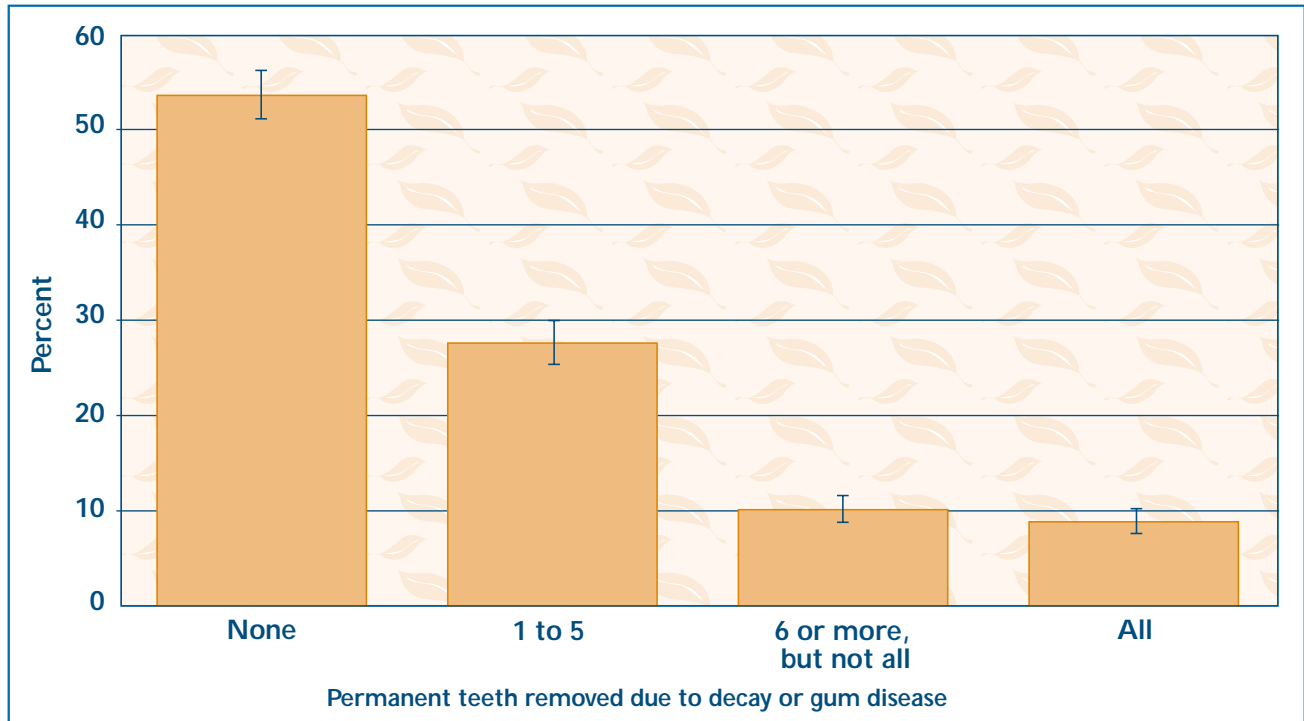


Figure 5. Last Visit to a Dentist or Dental Clinic, Percent of Montana Adults by Time Period, 1999.

